

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE AUGUST 18, 1966

Full Name ROBERT CURTIS (CALLED "SKIP")
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 311 WEST AVENUE

City DARIEN State CONN. 06820

Age 1942 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion PROTESTANT Nationality WHITE AMERICAN

Occupation CLERK - BRONSON ELECTRIC CO.

Education HIGH SCHOOL

Weight 150 LBS. APPROX. Color WHITE Height 5'10" APPROX.

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests SPEECH IMPEDIMENT

Married or single SINGLE Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
TROOP 60	DARIEN	CONN.	SCOUT & ASM	12/56 TO	PRESENT
PACK 52	DARIEN	CONN.	CUB SCOUT	10/49	2/52

Special recognition VETERAN AWARD 8/64 SCOUTER'S AWARD 12/62

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

HOMOSEXUAL ACTS WITH A MINOR IN THE TROOP. HE ADMITTED HIS ACTS TO MEY [REDACTED], JR. THE BOY GAVE INFORMATION TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OF THE CAMP TOQUAM STAFF.

HE HAS SINCE TOLD REV. [REDACTED] OF THE UNION MEMORIAL CHURCH, GLENBROOK, CONN.

Signed [Signature]
Scout Executive

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F. LAWRENCE ROWLEY, M. D.

~~1707 SUMMER ST.~~
STAMFORD, CONN. 06905

TELEPHONE 325-0717

2-14-'68

Dear Sir :

re: Mr. Robert Curtis
311 West Avenue
Darien, Conn.

At Mr. Robert Curtis' request,
I am writing about my work
with him from August 1966 to the following February.
I am a practising psychiatrist and saw Mr. Curtis
in outpatient psychotherapy during that
time.

Mr. Curtis' emotional symptoms were primarily
anxiety and depression. In my opinion, a
broken home, his speech defect, and the death
of his girl friend predisposed him emotionally
to the isolated instance which resulted in his
expulsion from the Boy Scouts of America.

This expulsion was traumatic to Mr. Curtis since
his long association with the organization was
an important part of his life. He is very hopeful
that he can be accepted, in some capacity, for
further boy scout work. During the time he
worked with me he was well-motivated, cooperative,
sincerely concerned about his problems.

When I discharged Mr. Curtis over a year ago,
I considered his prognosis to be good. It is
my understanding that his ability to function
effectively at work, within his family, and to some
extent socially, has been maintained.

I hope you are able to consider Mr. Curtis' petition at
this time, and that my statement will be of some help.

Sincerely,

F. Lawrence Rowley M.D.

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FEBRUARY 19, 1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My NAME IS ALEXANDER B. McELWEE OF DARIEN, CONN. I FULLY REALIZE THE SITUATION AND THE PARTICULARS INVOLVED AND WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE MOST CONSIDERATE IN YOUR FINAL APPRAISAL AND DECISION IN THIS CASE. IN EXAMINING ALL THAT IS ON REPORT, I THINK ROBERT "SKIP" CURTIS SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY EXPLAIN HIS PORTION IN DETAIL AND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ALL HIS YEARS IN SCOUTING, ALSO TO ALL HIS EFFORTS TO FURTHER THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT IN THIS AREA. THROUGH LOCAL INVESTIGATION YOU WILL FIND ONLY PRAISE FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT "SKIP" CONTRIBUTED TO SCOUTING AND THE TROOP (60) FROM WHICH HE WAS CASHIERED.

My ASSOCIATION WITH SKIP HAS BEEN THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE ^{WHICH} ~~ONCE AGAIN~~ DEALS WITH YOUNG AND IMPRESSIONABLE BOYS, AND THAT IS "LITTLE LEAGUE," WHICH IS ALSO NATIONAL IN SCOPE. "SKIP" HAS BEEN A COACH AND MANAGER FOR TWO SEASONS NOW, AND HAS SHOWN THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP AND SPORTSMANSHIP WHICH IS SO HARD TO ATTAIN WITHIN A PROGRAM THAT IS STRICTLY ADULT PARTICIPATION, ONLY ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

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I THINK MR. CURTIS IS DESERVING OF
A LITTLE MORE THAN JUST A FLAT NO AS AN
ANSWER. IN HIS YEARS OF SCOUTING BEFORE THIS
INCIDENT HIS WHOLE EXISTENCE OTHER THAN SCHOOL
OR JOB HAS BEEN SCOUTING - SO THIS ABSENCE FROM
SCOUTING HAS CREATED QUITE A VOID IN HIS ACTIVITIES
AND LIFE. I THINK A REALIZATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL
AND WHAT SCOUTING REALLY DOES MEAN TO HIM MIGHT
HELP YOU IN YOUR DECISION - I HOPE YOUR ANSWER -
WHATEVER - IS FAIR AND HONEST AND TO THE
BEST FOR SCOUTING.

Sincerely Yours

Alexander B. McClure

Feb-18-1968
Darien Conn

Applications Manager
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter with full knowledge of the situation in which Mr. Curtis was involved. I am the father of the second party.

As a adult scoutmaster I am fully aware of the moral code of the B.S.A. and do not condone immoral activities. However, I believe this affair was not premeditated or practiced beyond this instance. My personal feeling regarding this situation is that Mr. Curtis has more than paid his debt to society. He immediately solicited physiological help and has adhered to this advice.

With due respect to you and the B.S.A. I would think it grossly unfair to reject Mr. Curtis' application for reinstatement.

I firmly believe The Boy Scout movement was intended to be and is a basis for support and guidance for the young males of the world.

Mr Curtis has been a guide to many boys for several years. It would seem unjust in my small opinion to have this guidance stop because of one mistake; therefore, I am appealing to you to for serious consideration of Mr Curtis' reinstatement

Respectfully

Victor P. Baptes

September 7, 1966

Mr. Robert E. Critcheil
Scout Executive
Alfred W. Dater Council, No. 78

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Robert E. Curtis

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of August 18 and the enclosed confidential record sheet concerning Robert E. Curtis, formerly registered as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 60. We have placed this information in our files.

The details you supplied are sufficient for us to complete our records regarding this situation and will enable us to identify Mr. Curtis should he ever again attempt to become registered in the Scouting program.

Thanks for your kind cooperation.

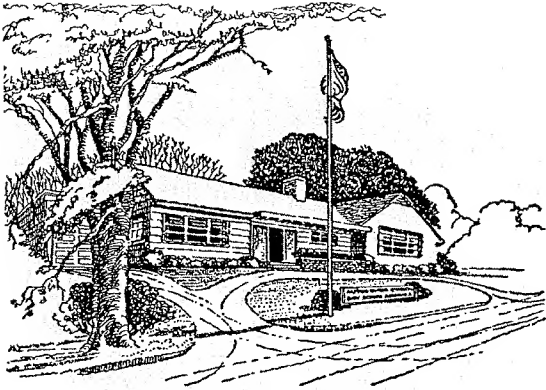
Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

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THE ALFRED W. DATER COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

47 KIRKHAM PLACE
GLENBROOK, CONN. 06906



AUGUST 18, 1966

Tel. 348-7721

MR. HOWARD BOYD
DIR. OF REGISTRATIONS
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
RE: ROBERT E. CURTIS
ASST. SCOUTMASTER, TR. 60

DEAR HOWARD,

ENCLOSED IS YOUR FORM ON CURTIS.

AS I HAVE TOLD HIM THAT HE SHOULD NEVER TRY TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH SCOUTING AGAIN, HE IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO FIGHT IT, AND THINKS THAT I HAVE A PERSONAL GRUDGE AGAINST HIM. HE CAME IN THE OFFICE WHEN I WAS OUT AND WANTED THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. HOWEVER, ED CHRISTOPHERS WHO WORKS WITH ME NOW AS DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT THIS WAS FOOLISH, AND HE THINKS HE HAS DISUADED HIM.

██████████, CHAIRMAN OF TROOP 60'S BOY ██████████ IS THE ONE THAT WAS OFFENDED. ██████████ AND I TOLD MR. ██████████, SO WE GOT THE STORY FROM HIS SON - NOT HIS FATHER. ██████████ TOLD ██████████ AND ██████████, SO IF YOU WISH ANY STATEMENTS, I THINK THEY SHOULD COME FROM THESE TWO.

THEY ADMIT TO A "BLOW" JOB AT CAMP TOQUAM IN DECEMBER 1965 ON THE FLOOR OF THE PACK BUILDING: ONCE IN THE ██████████ HOME WHEN THEY WERE PUTTING AWAY TENTS: AND ONCE IN CURTIS'S CAR. ██████████ INDICATES THERE WAS ANOTHER JOB ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 WHEN THEY CHECKED IN TO CAMP, AND WHEN A POLAROID PICTURE WAS TAKEN OF ██████████ ERECTION - HOWEVER, CURTIS DENIES THIS.

IS THIS SUFFICIENT DETAIL?

SINCERELY YOURS,

Robert E. Critchell

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ROBERT E. CRITCHELL, SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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August 16, 1966

Mr. Robert E. Critchell
Scout Executive
The Alfred W. Dater Council, No. 78

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Robert E. Curtis
Ass't. Scoutmaster, Tr. 60

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of August 11 concerning Robert E. Curtis, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 60. We have placed this information in our files and have taken steps to have his name deleted from the Troop roster.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would very much appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible, together with any substantiating statements, such as a statement from the boy involved or the parents of the boy regarding this situation.

This additional information will enable us to identify Mr. Curtis should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

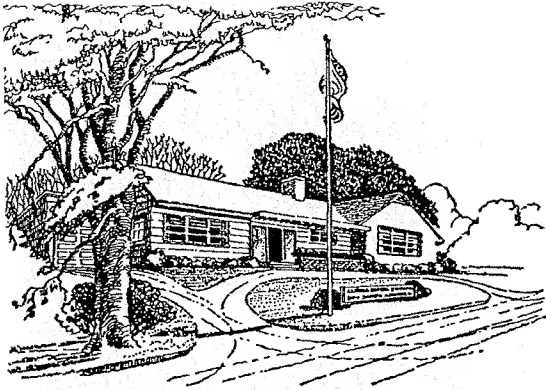
Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

HB/clr
Encl.

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THE ALFRED W. DATER COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

47 KIRKHAM PLACE
GLENBROOK, CONN. 06906



August 11, 1966

Tel. 348-7721

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Howard A. Boyd
Director of Registrations
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, N. Jer.

Dear Howard,

Robert Curtis has admitted to [REDACTED] and to me that he has had some homosexual relationships with one of the boys in his troop. The boy has told our two Assistant Camp Directors about his experiences.

We talked to Mr. Curtis today, and he has admitted his involvement, and we told him he was through with Scouting for good.

Thus will you put Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 60 of our Council on the confidential list. He was born in 1942, and now lives at 311 West Ave. Darien, Conn. 06820. He has lived most of his life in Darien (if not all of it).

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Critchell
Scout Executive

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